

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

We Blue Collar working men and women get few luxuries in life that we don't break our backs over. It is ridiculous that I should pay the same thing for phone service that a basketball player or senator or CEO or Bill Gates pays. I make one long distance call per month, I use a phone card, because it is not worth it to me to have a long distance carrier. My cellular phone is pre pay, because I only use it in emergencies. These are services I can and will live without should my rates increase.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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